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Schools and Libraries Program Correspondence Unit
Attention: Letter of Appeal

Re: Appeal of FRNs 1699143523 and 1699143497

To Whom It May Concern:

We are appealing the decision of the Revised Funding Commitment Decision Letter dated 07/25/2018. We request an extension of the invoicing deadline in order to refile the BEAR Forms.

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Applicant Information

Applicant: SSCTA BOCES dba GST BOCES
Entity Number: 225599
471 Number: 161061061
FRNs: 1699143523 and 1699143497
Service Provider: Southern Tier Network

08/25/2017: 486 Notification Letter Received (Please see attached.)

04/22/2018: Form 472 BEAR Forms submitted.

04/27/2018: Form 472 (BEAR) Notification Letter received.

06/07/2018: Appeal Submitted (Please see attached.)

07/25/2018: Revised Funding Commitment Decision Letter issued.

Reimbursement Request Decision Explanation: Invoice Received date [04/22/2018] Later Than FCC Extension Date [02/27/2018]

Revised Funding Commitment Decision Letter Explanation: Invoices must be postmarked no later than 120 days after the last date to receive service, or 120 days after the date of the Form 486 Notification Letter, whichever is later. You did not demonstrate otherwise in your appeal. Therefore your appeal is denied.

The Revised Funding Commitment Decision Letter Explanation does not address the information provided in our appeal. We understand the deadline requirements, and contend that the invoices were submitted prior to the extension date. However the system appears to have calculated the extension date

incorrectly which resulted in the rejection. If this appeal is rejected, please address the specific dates and explanation below.

Invoices must be postmarked no later than 120 days after the last date to receive service, or 120 days after the date of the Form 486 Notification Letter, whichever is later. Applicants may also request and automatically receive a one-time 120-day extension of the deadline. This creates two possible scenarios.

	Scenario 1-Last Date to Receive Service	Scenario 2-Form 486 Notification Letter
Date	06/30/2017	08/25/2017
BEAR Deadline +120 Days (Moved forward to next business day)	10/30/2017	12/26/2017
One Allowable Extension +120 Days	02/27/2018	04/25/2018

Scenario 1 is the extension date listed on the BEAR rejection letter. However, the rules state that the later of the two dates should be used to calculate the deadline. 08/25/2017 is later than 06/30/2017. The resulting deadline is then 04/25/2018. In fact, there's another FRN on the same application (FRN 1699143610) which appears to have been calculated correctly. Since the deadline should be 04/25/2018, the BEAR Forms were filed prior to the deadline. Please approve this appeal and extend the invoicing deadline.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this case. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jessica A. Nilsen
President

**E-rate Productivity Center** FCC Form 486 Notification Letter

This FCC Form 486 Notification Letter is an acknowledgement that USAC has received and reviewed SSCTA BOCES DBA GST BOCES's FCC Form 486 - 62845 for Funding Year 2016 on 8/25/2017. Important information about your form is included in the attached Excel file. Please review it carefully to understand any changes that were made to the FCC Form 486 and/or the FRNs you included.

Each service provider featured on approved forms will also be notified of the information contained in this notification.

Click on the date/time at the bottom of this FCC Form 486 Notification letter to see a printable version.

NEXT STEPS

- Discuss with your service provider whether you would like discounts on your bills or to pay your bills in full and be reimbursed for discounts.
- Invoice USAC before the invoice deadline using the applicant invoice (BEAR Form – FCC Form 472) for reimbursements after paying the bills in full or the service provider invoice (SPI Form – FCC Form 474) for discounts. Whichever method you choose, you must pay your non-discount portion, as stated in Program rules. Program rules also require that participants maintain all documentation for at least ten years after delivery of discount service.

Please keep a copy of this notification for your records.



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Billed Entity SSCTA BOCES DBA GST BOCES (BEN: 225599)

Certification Date Aug 25, 2017

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Appeal Information

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Narrative

We are appealing the reimbursement request decision on the Form 472 (BEAR) Notification Letters dated 04/27/2018. The letters state that "Invoice Received Date [04/22/2018] Later Than FCC Extension Date [02/27/2018]".

The Form 486 Notification Letter was later than the last date to receive service, yet I believe the extension date listed on the notification letter was erroneously calculated based on the last date to receive service.

Last Date to Receive Service: 06/30/2017
Form 486 Notification Letter Date: 08/25/2017
Add 120 Days
Reimbursement Deadline: 12/23/2017
Add 120 Days for One Extension
Extended Reimbursement Deadline: 04/22/2018*
BEARs Filed: 04/22/2018

*Note that both 12/23/2017 and 04/22/2018 are both weekends, so the actual deadline would be later than this. However, we met the 04/22/2018 date, so that is irrelevant.

Please provide an extension so we can refile the BEAR Forms. Thank you, Jessica

Appeal Details

Decision appealed by applicant FCC Form 472 (BEAR) Notification Letter

If you wish to modify or cancel your appeal, or, if you have any questions about your appeal, please contact the E-rate Program's Client Service Bureau (CSB) at (888) 203-8100.

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